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WASHINGTON, July 2, 1987 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 27 totaled an estimated 18.4 billion ton-miles, 7.2 percent above the corresponding week of 1986, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 26 weeks of 1987 was an estimated 445.8 billion ton-miles, up 2.6 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 27 totaled 415,777, up 5.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 0.9 percent above the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.2 percent in the East and 9.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week last year, 15 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Grain showed a gain of 7,332 cars (26.8 percent), and coal increased by 3,141 cars (2.8 percent). Fourteen of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 20 totaled 100,570 trailers and/or containers, 3.7 percent above last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 25 weeks of the year was 2,406,904 trailers and/or containers, up 3.2 percent from 1986.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/27/87:

	Loadings in Week ended June 27, 1987		Change from Corresponding Week 1986			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	34,688	I	7,332	26.8	I	1,460	4.4
Other farm products	4,381	I	140	3.3	D	2,136	32.8
Metallic ores	16,035	D	1,339	7.7	D	2,327	12.7
Coal	117,180	I	3,141	2.8	I	1,243	1.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	16,399	I	1,997	13.9	I	2,501	18.0
Nonmetallic minerals	10,032	I	331	3.4	I	623	6.6
Grain mill products	10,825	I	286	2.7	I	31	0.3
Food and kindred products	10,661	D	799	7.0	D	47	0.4
Primary forest products	10,630	I	26	0.2	I	209	2.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,252	I	815	9.7	I	652	7.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,009	D	341	2.6	I	676	5.5
Chemicals and allied products	25,703	I	2,809	12.3	I	710	2.8
Petroleum products	4,982	I	63	1.3	D	72	1.4
Stone, clay and glass products	10,632	I	389	3.8	I	86	0.8
Coke	5,576	I	1,653	42.1	I	28	0.5
Metals and products	8,728	I	768	9.6	D	86	1.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,827	D	3,151	15.0	D	2,177	10.9
Waste and scrap materials	8,307	I	138	1.7	D	534	6.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,890	D	594	17.0	I	224	8.4
All other carloads	77,934	I	7,866	11.2	I	2,559	3.4
LCL traffic	106	D	7	6.2	I	8	8.2
Total Cars Loaded	415,777	I	21,523	5.5	I	3,631	0.9
Corresponding week of 1986	394,254						

	1987	1986	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (26 weeks)	10,026,567	9,829,259	I 2.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
25 Weeks ended June 20	427.5	417.4	I 2.4
Week ended June 27	18.4	17.1	I 7.2
26 Weeks cumulative	445.8	434.5	I 2.6

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